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SUBJECT, ESCAPE CLAUSE PROCEEDING ON SHRIMP - UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (USITC) MAKES DETERMINATION OF IMPORT INJURY AND RECOMMENDS PROVISION OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.

REF: STATE 278513, NOV. 24, 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RELEVANT PORTIONS OF USITC PRESS RELEASE DATED MAY 11 ANNOUNCING THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED UNDER SECTION 201(B) OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTS OF IMPORTS OF SHRIMP ON THE UNITED STATES INDUSTRY: BEGIN TEXT:

THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION TODAY REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THE U.S. SHRIMP-FISHING INDUSTRY IS SUFFERING SERIOUS INJURY FROM INCREASED IMPORTS OF SHRIMP AND RECOMMENDED THAT RELIEF IN THE FORM OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE BE PROVIDED TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY CATCHING AND LANDING SHRIMP.

COMMISSIONERS DANIEL MINCHEW, GEORGE M. MOORE, AND JOSEPH O. PARKER FORMED THE MAJORITY IN FINDING INJURY TO THE

SHRIMPERS, WITH COMMISSIONERS WILL E. LEONARD AND ITALO H. ABLONDI DISSENTING. COMMISSIONER CATHERINE BEDELL DID NOT PARTICIPATE. IN ADDITION, COMMISSIONERS WILL E. LEONARD, DANIEL MINCHEW, AND ITALO H. ABLONDI FOUND NO ENTITLEMENT TO IMPORT RELIEF FOR THE SHRIMP-PROCESSING INDUSTRY.

THE COMMISSION INSTITUTED AN INVESTIGATION ON DECEMBER 11, 1975, IN RESPONSE TO A PETITION FROM THE NATIONAL SHRIMP CONGRESS, TO DETERMINE IF SHRIMP IS BEING IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH INCREASED QUANTITIES AS TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL CAUSE OF SERIOUS INJURY TO THE DOMESTIC SHRIMP INDUSTRY. AT THAT TIME, THE COMMISSION TERMINATED AN INVESTIGATION INTO CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SHRIMP INDUSTRY UNDER SECTION 332(G) OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930, WITH INFORMATION THAT HAD BEEN GATHERED BEING MADE A PART OF THE RECORD IN THE NEW INVESTIGATION. PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE HELD IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS; SAVANNAH, GEORGIA; AND NEW YORK CITY AS A PART OF THE NEW INVESTIGATION.

ALASKA, TEXAS, LOUISIANA, AND FLORIDA HAVE BEEN THE

PRINCIPAL SHRIMP-FISHING STATES DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS.  
THE U.S. SHRIMP-FISHING INDUSTRY IS ESTIMATED TO INCLUDE  
ABOUT 21,000 SHRIMP FISHERMEN AND ABOUT 10,100 BOATS.  
THE TOTAL VALUE OF SHRIMP PROCESSED BY U.S. PRODUCERS  
IN 1975 WAS ABOUT \$400 MILLION.

THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS COVERED BY THE INVESTIGATION IN-  
CREASED ERRATICALLY FROM 198 MILLION POUNDS IN 1968 TO 216  
MILLION POUNDS IN 1975. IMPORTS MADE UP ABOUT 52 PERCENT  
OF U.S. CONSUMPTION. MEXICO, INDIA, PANAMA, AND ECUADOR  
ARE THE LEADING COUNTRIES FROM WHICH SHRIMP IS IMPORTED  
INTO THE UNITED STATES, WITH SMALLER AMOUNTS COMING FROM  
A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES. SHRIMP IMPORTED INTO THE  
UNITED STATES ENTERS FREE OF DUTY. END TEXT.

2. THE PRESIDENT HAS 60  
DAYS IN WHICH TO ACT ON THE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

3. US MISSION OECD PARIS INFORM OECD SECRETARIAT- US  
MISSION GENEVA NOTIFY THE GATT SECRETARIAT REQUESTING THAT  
THE USITC FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION BE CIRCULATED FOR  
THE INFORMATION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

4. COPIES OF USITC REPORT WILL BE AIRPOUCHED ASAP. KISSINGER

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